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SUBJECT: OMANI REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION EXPERT

1. DURING OCT. 6 DISCUSSION ON UNRELATED REQUEST FOR U.S. EXPERTS (SEPTTEL), MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS RAJAB TOLD EMBOFF THAT HIS MINISTRY NEEDS SERVICES OF A "ROAD ENGINEER". THIS NEED SUBSEQUENTLY REFINED TO MEAN SERVICES OF AN EXPERT IN HIGHWAY SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACTS.
 2. IF SUITABLE INDIVIDUAL CAN BE FOUND, OMANGOV WOULD PAY SALARY AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES. MINIMUM CONTRACT WOULD BE FOR TWO YEARS. HOUSING AND IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE PROVIDED IN KEEPING WITH EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER EXPATRIATE ADVISORS.
 3. COMMENT: EMBASSY OFFICER HAS DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THIS REQUEST WAS SPONTANEOUS. NONETHELESS, GIVEN RAJAB'S APPARENT ABILITY TO MAKE HIS DECISIONS STICK, IT SHOULD BE TREATED SERIOUSLY. EXPERT SOUGHT WOULD NEED BOTH THE TECHNICAL ABILITY TO REVIEW SPECIFICATIONS AND THE QUASI-LEGAL TALENT TO ADVISE ON CONTRACTS. IF SINGLE INDIVIDUAL COMBINING THESE CAPACITIES CANNOT BE FOUND, WE BELIEVE RAJAB WOULD OPT WILLINGLY FOR TWO EXPERTS.
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